

Keep Commander's Hatch Clean



The -10-1 TMs remind you to eyeball the commander's hatch seal after every operation.

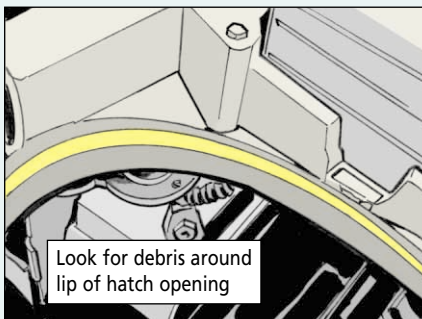
You know to look for tears, rips, cuts and separation. You even know to check for places where the seal doesn't spring back after compression. And of course you know to have a damaged seal replaced.



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But do you know how to keep all those problems from happening in the first place?

Most seal damage comes from dirt, sand, rocks and other debris that collects on the lip around the hatch opening. The seal wears out when it's constantly pressed down against that stuff.



Check the hatch opening often and sweep away any debris that collects there. Then wipe the lip clean with a damp cloth to get rid of smaller particles.

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